

**Town Mayor/Council  
Meeting- 8:00 PM  
Friday, February 22, 2019  
Municipal Building  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order---7:39 PM**

**Roll Call-** CM Barnes, CM Kennedy II, CM Washington and Mayor Muhammad present. Quorum established. CW Brownson, CW Hines and CM McLaurin were not present.

**Moment of Silence---**

**Pledge of Allegiance---**

**Approval of Agenda;** motion by CM Washington; seconded by CM Kennedy II to approve; all in favor; motion passed.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2019;** motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CM Washington to approve; all in favor; motion passed.

**Public Period:** Mr. Larry Stoner announced the Mayor/Council debate on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**Legislation**

**Resolution 06-19** a resolution to amend sums and amounts for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019; motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Barnes; adopt Resolution 06-19; discussion; vote; (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed.

**Resolution 07-19** a resolution for the adoption of an amendment of the town's employee handbook regarding the police take home vehicle program and generally relating to the authorization for the use of vehicles and other transportation. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Washington to waive full reading; seconded by CM Barnes all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 07-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 08-19** a resolution to purchase new weapons for FH police department. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Washington to waive full reading; seconded by CM Barnes all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 08-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 09-19** a resolution to purchase protective vests. for FH police department. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive full reading; seconded by CM Washington all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 09-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 10-19** a resolution to purchase ballistic shields for FH police department. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive full reading; seconded by CM Washington all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 10-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; CM Kennedy asked will FHPD be better equipped than PG County Police Department in respond Acting Chief Rease said yes PG County only has one shield; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 11-19** a resolution to purchase new dress uniforms. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive full reading; seconded by CM Washington all in favor; motion by CM Washington to adopt Resolution 11-19; seconded by CM Kennedy II; discussion; CM Kennedy II ask why the police department need new uniforms. Acting Chief informed the Council that the previous chief had placed an order back in October; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**Resolution 12-19** a resolution for the adoption of amendments to the town's employee handbook regarding the use of town email accounts and addresses and generally relating to electronic access and e-policies. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive full reading; seconded by CM Washington all in favor; motion by CM Washington II to adopt Resolution 12-19; seconded by CM Kennedy II; discussion; vote (4) yes; (0) no; motion passed

**First Reading of Ordinance 01-19** an ordinance of the mayor and council of the town of forest heights, Maryland revising article 15 (parking and traffic) of the town ordinance code, by changing, amending, or re-adopting certain provisions of said

article including section 15.2 (definitions) to modify the definition of an abandoned vehicle to include an unregistered or improperly registered vehicle that has remained on public property for any period of time; to amend section 15.3.2 (parking and truck restriction) to clarify that unregistered or invalidly registered motor vehicles are prohibited for any period of time; and to amend and clarify section 15.7 (towing, immobilizing and impounding; right to hearing) to authorize that a vehicle, illegally parked and cited as such, having been previously subjected to two or more unpaid parking and delinquent citations issued by the town may be towed and impounded; and generally relating to the regulation of traffic and parking within the town of forest heights. Introduced by Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad. motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading and seconded by CM Kennedy II; all in favor; 1<sup>st</sup> reading February 22, 2019.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Enter into Close Session at 8:31p.m.

<b>Vote to Close Session:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilman Calvin Washington	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilman Robert Barnes	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilwoman Theresa Brownson	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]
Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Councilman Brian McLaurin	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]
Councilwoman Taunya Hines	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]

Motion to go into closed session by CM Washington; seconded by CM Kennedy II; All in favor, Motion pass

## **Topics to be discussed:**

State Government Article Section 10-508(a):

The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction, or

To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

All present at the Close Meeting:

Mayor Muhammad      CM Washington      CM Kennedy II      CM Barnes  
 Town Administrator Linwood Robinson  
 Town Attorney Kevin Best  
 Town Clerk Sherletta Hawkins

End close Session 9:25pm

**New Business: None**

**Meeting Adjourned – 9:31 PM**